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**AMERICAN FLAGS FLY AT FOUR NEW
HARTFORD HOMES**

(June 14, 2005)--- Four new homes are being dedicated in Hartford on this Flag Day, and Mayor Eddie Perez and the Capital City are proud to have played a large financial role in this. Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity is having a celebration at 1p.m. for four families in the Northeast neighborhood. There are two new homes constructed on Garden Street and two more on Risley Street. One central ceremony will be held, followed by individual ribbon cuttings at each home.

The Mayor's vision for Hartford includes increasing the number of first time homeowners. Mayor Perez says, "The Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity helps local residents achieve their share of the American Dream. What a wonderful way to celebrate families and patriotism--- waving the American Flag and unlocking the door to your very own home."

\$56,500 in Community Development Block Grants and \$80,000 in Appraisal Gap programs were used to help complete this project. There are 800 new homeowners in the City since 2002. The Mayor says that number will only rise as construction continues to increase in all of Hartford's neighborhoods.

For more information, contact Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity at (860) 541-2208.